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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR DECLARATION OF WHITMORE VILLAGE IN CENTRAL OAHU AS A STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

WHEREAS, in these difficult economic times of lower revenues for the State and closure of key businesses, government must seek ways to encourage and expedite economic growth and diversity; and

WHEREAS, the state enterprise zones program was established to stimulate business and industrial growth in areas viable for neighborhood revitalization by means of regulatory flexibility and tax incentives; and

WHEREAS, Whitmore Village is located in central Oahu and is home to nearly five thousand people; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the State's future to encourage economic growth and diversity in rural areas, such as Whitmore Village; and

WHEREAS, if the State of Hawaii includes Whitmore Village as an enterprise zone, future legislation can be directed to steer economic development, including jobs, housing, emerging industries, and education, to the leeward side of Oahu; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that the Honolulu City Council is urged to apply for declaration of Whitmore Village as a state enterprise zone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

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